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THE OBSERVATOR.

Further Reflections on Doctor Talbors *Sermon.*

From **Wednesday** October the 18th, to **Saturday** October the 21st, 1704.

Obs. WELL, Honeſt *Country-man*, what more of Parſon *Talbor*? I ſuppoſe thou haſt Conn'd over his Sermon by this time.

Country-m. This Doctor is a meer Dab at Hiſtory too; if the Queen wants a Hiſtorigrapher, I would have him put in for the Place: He tells us that *Corah*, the *Levite*, was a *Presbyterian.*

Obs. Certainly no.

Country-m. Certainly Yes: Look'ye here pag. 4. *and he*, ſays he, *i. e.* Corah, *was for a levelling Purity in the Sacred Miniſtry, and ſo Oppoſed* Aarons *Supremacy in the Prieſthood, and the Sons of* Aaron's *Succeſſion therein.*

Obs. He might as well have told us that *Corah* was a Hobby-Horſe: But this is a wonderful Diſcovery; I find the Doctor has got Hiſtorical, as well as Medicinal Secrets: But I believe he'll have the Thanks of none but the *Presbyterians*, ſince he has given their Church the Precedence in Hiſtory: I find him a quallify'd Man, well skill'd in the *Jewiſh* Hiſtory and Government. Does he ſay nothing of the Government of *England?*

Country-m. Yes, abundance; his Sermon is entirely Political: I'll Read you ſome Paſſages of his, which I ſuppoſe you won't well like, pag. 20. He commends Queen *Elizabeth*, for that *She Maſter'd two Mighty and Deſperate Factions, in Pretence very different, but, as we have ſeen ſince, in Endeavours to overthrow our Eſtabliſh'd Church and Religion, eaſily United, the* Papiſts *and* Puritans.

Obs. This is a Whopper, a Blunt Country-Fellow would ſay: But I muſt ſpeak more Gentiely than formerly I have done, and muſt handle the Great Men in Church and State more Gently, and would only beg the Doctor to tell us when the *Papiſts* and *Puritans* were United: Not in my Time. In the Reign of King *Charles* II. the Off-ſpring of the *Puritans*, the *Diſſenters*, were Severely Proſecuted, the *Papiſts* not; they were not United in King *James*'s time, nor in the time of King *William*; and in this Reign the *Papiſts* and *High-Church* Write both of a ſide; of which I ſhall ſay more by and by. But, has he nothing to ſay of our Gracious Queen, now on the Throne? Is he altogether for Old Stories?

Country-m. Page 24. He ſays, *And now to come Home, to the Occaſion of this Days Thankſgiving, the Acceſſion of our preſent Queen* ANNE *to the Throne of Her Anceſtors, If we conſider the State of the Church and the Kingdom when God did it*, &c.

Obs. Very well; that's a Flirt at King *William.* I expected it: Go on.

Country-m. He gives King *William* a Stroke and a Thump; I am afraid I ſhall tire you, the Doctor makes confounded long Paragraphs, but you muſt have Patience, 'tis Perhaps worth your Hearing, and worthy of the Peoples Notice, ſays he, Page 21 and onwards, *When God, in the Day of our Diſtreſs raiſed up before a Noble Hero, to be our Savi, our and Deliverer, many that did not deſign him the Crown, did yet thank God for his coming, and would have had a* Regent, *tho' not a* Rex: *But they who joyn'd with the* Papiſts *to overthrow our Church, who Flatter'd the* Popiſh *Prince ſo highly in their Addreſſes, and Deceived him with Hypocritical Prayers and Promiſes, to whom he gave Liberty and Authority, when he Impriſon'd our Biſhops, yet turn'd Tail on him ſo ſoon as the Prince advanced towards* London, *and run in on Heaps, I may ſay Hand over Head, as they took their Covenant, to ſet the Crown on his Head.*

Obs. Hold, Honeſt *Country-man*, you muſt ſplit that Paragraph, I ſee 'tis two or three Pages; he ſays there were ſome that would have had a *Regent*, tho' not a *Rex.* Now, a *Regent* is a little Young Sucking King, with his Head tuck'd under a Prieſts Girdle, juſt as thou bringeſt home thy *Wood-Cocks.* But ſuppoſe we had a *Regency*, what would have become of the *Engliſh* Conſtitution, which is a limited Monarchy? This Parſon Preaches up *Forty One*, and is for a Common Wealth.

But you may ſee what a Reſpect the Doctor has for the whole Power of the People Repreſented in Parliament and Convention; he calls them All a parcel of Hypocrites, and that they ſet the Crown on King *William* Hand over Head, as they took the Covenant. Now the Doctor has learn't the Art of *Leaſing-making* from *Leſly*; for who were they that placed the Crown on the Head of King *William*, that before had taken any Covenant?

Who were they that Flatter'd King *James* with Addreſſes, and turn'd Tail upon him? Were they not of the *High-Church* Party? Nay, ſo late were they in their Addreſſes to him, that ſome of the Addreſs for *Perkin* were not delivered before another Addreſſes againſt him was ſent up; a ſure Sign that the Inclination of the People cannot be diſcovered by their Addreſſes. Well, proceed.

Country-m. And he, *i. e. King* William, *in Requital, was ready to put the Sword Military and Civil into their Hands; and then the Church ſtill had* Eſau's *Fate to be ſawn aſſunder between the two Factions,* Papiſts *or* Puritans; *and whether* Herod, *or* Pontius Pilate *Reigned, was like to be Crucify'd. I know ſome of Her Enemies hoped, if War ceaſed, Biſhops, Deans, and Chapters Lands might be again their prey, and pay their Debentures; I know not that the Prince was of any ſuch Diſpoſition or Deſign; but we know in what way of Religion bred, and of what Country: 'Tis Natural for every Man to love his Country, and hard to put off the Principles of Education. We ſaw and knew the Councils and Miniſters of thoſe Days, what Party choſe them for Parliament Men, who ſerving the Court with great Gifts and ſaving the Receivers from Accounts, were ſure to be promoted to great*

Honour

Honour and Wealth, and many grew ſo vaſtly Rich, in ſo ſhort a time, all Men muſt conclude with Solomon *the Wiſe*, They that made ſuch haſte to be Rich could not be Innocent. *Always Deficiencies, always great Supplies, yet always Exceſſive Debts, as if nothing had been given: The Nation has ſeen, and is ſatisfied of a better Miniſtry and Management; and more done in a Year than in a Reign before.* Now, Maſter *Obſervator*, what d'ye think of the Doctor? Here's a Pinacle High Prieſt for you.

Obſ. Turn to the Title Page: Does this Man call this a Sermon? What a *Rabſhaketh* is he: Good God, that ever ſuch ſtuff ſhould be ſuffered; but certainly none but one that has the Front of a *High-Flying* Prieſt could have the Impudence to Dedicate ſuch Ribaldry as this to Her Majeſty: And how can this Man have the Arrogance to vouch for the whole Nations Opinion of the preſent Miniſtry, and that of the late Reign? Or is he a Competent Judge whether more has been done in one Year, than in the late Reign? I am ſure I can't determine that Point; but I am ſatisfy'd we have had more Libels Written and Printed by the *Papiſts* and *High-Flyers* in one Year, and that againſt the *Liberties* of *Engliſhmen*, and the Houſe of *Hannover*, than have been Printed in many Years. Reflections on King *William* are ſo common that we need not take Notice of them; but I hope ſome of his Miniſters will juſtifie themſelves. Prithee proceed, and be as ſhort as thou canſt; I find this Mans Text needs no Explanation, he has an Open and Impudent Front.

Country-m. He tells us in this Page that the Queens coming to the Throne, *ſav'd us from Fanaticiſm and Anarchy*: In page 24, he commends Her Majeſties unparalell'd Example of Piety and Bounty to the poor Clergy; but, methinks after a very Slovenly manner, *In Reſtoring*, ſays he, *to God, the things that are Gods, giving the Firſt Fruits, and Tenths back to the Church.* Now, does not he in this plainly tell the Queen that Her Royal Predeceſſors have Rob'd God Almighty and the Church?

Obſ. Yes ſure. This is one of his Complemental Secrets. Go on.

Country-m. In my poor Country Opinion, the Doctor begins to Quarrel with the Succeſſion, in Page 25. *A Foreign Prince*, ſays he, *cannot have for us the Natural Affection of a Native, and bred in a different way of Religion, tho' of the Reformed, may not be ſo Zealous for our Form of Adminiſtration: Cannot ſo well know our Laws and Conſtitution, our Tempers and Manners. The Nobility, Clergy, and Gentry of the Land, who are to be Employ'd in the Adminiſtration of Government, cannot ſo well know what Councellours and Miniſters to chuſe, what Biſhops and Judges to make, what Chaplains and other Servants to take*, &c. And abundance of other Diſadvantages he reckons up in a Forreigner. *And*, ſays he, *beſides theſe Diſadvantages in a Stranger, the breaking out of ſeveral Links of the Chain in the Line of Deſcent, tho' neceſſary to ſecure a Proteſtant Succeſſor, muſt make us Obnoxious to many Claims and Quarrels, and ſo create Future Diſturbances.* The reſt is all in a piece.

Obſ. Really if you had not ſhow'd me the Title Page I ſhould have thought it to be an Oration to the Prince at St. *Germains*. What News haſt got?

Country-m. No good News for you.

Obſ. Prithee, if it be bad let me hear it.

Country-m. I call'd upon Mr. *Councellour*, the *Lawyer*, and he has Notice given him of your Trial on the Fourth of *November*.

Obſ. Then you and I muſt talk oftener, we muſt meet at leaſt Three Times a Week, and pray let it be on *Tueſday*, *Thurſday*, and *Saturday*; for the People ought to know for what I am Try'd, I hope I may have Liberty to Juſtifie my ſelf. Prithee call at the Printers and bid him get me all the Libels that have been Printed ſince Her Majeſties Acceſſion to the Throne, againſt Her Majeſties Title, againſt the *Hannover* Succeſſion, in Favour of *Perkin*, and againſt the *Engliſh* Liberties, all which I have anſwered, that I may have them ready at my Trial: I have ſomething more for you to do, which you muſt keep Secret, and ſo good Night *Roger*.

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